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THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS  
ANNUAL REPORT  
of the  
BOARD OF REGISTRATION IN PHARMACY  
for the  
Year ending June 30, 1960

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*The Commonwealth of Massachusetts*  
*Department of Civil Service and Registration*  
*Board of Registration in Pharmacy*  
*Room 36, State House, Boston 33*

June 30, 1960

Mrs. Helen C. Sullivan  
Director of Registration  
State House, Boston

Dear Mrs. Sullivan:

In compliance with statute, we herewith submit the Annual Report of the Board of Registration in Pharmacy for the fiscal year 1960.

The past year was a busy one for the Board of Pharmacy. Each year the office is burdened with additional work created by inter-state agency correspondence; interdepartmental surveys and questionnaires from within the State House; inter-state surveys and questionnaires; and mailings due to changes in laws and regulations governing the practice of pharmacy. This is an additional work load to the routine work created by the processing of licenses, re-registrations, examinations of students for licensure, etc.

New and serious problems confront the Board in its discharging of duties in regulating the profession in the best interest of public health. The menace to public health by the recent mail-order schemes deserved attention and study.

Continued surveillance is demanded of the Board in the illegal trafficking of drugs and the handling of prescriptions by the unqualified, untrained personnel, and unlicensed individuals.

Our agents have been instructed to keep a close watch on drug stores which might be operating from time to time without the presence of a Registered Pharmacist.

Within the past year we have been aware of the misuse and abuse of certain exempt narcotic preparations containing dihydrocodeinone and designed for cough preparations. Teenagers have taken these in excessive dosages and created a drug problem. The problem became a national problem so that the Federal Food and Drug Administration as of January 1, 1961, will rule all preparations containing this drug to be dispensed by prescription only.

In Massachusetts, our Board, through its agents, alerted all pharmacies to minimize and correct the situation. As a matter of fact, several store permits were suspended for violation of the



exempt narcotic clause demanding "good faith" in selling the same and proper recording of sales.

The Board continued to study the problem of loose, illegal, and unethical distribution of drugs. Last April the legislature amended the Harmful Drug Law relative to physicians becoming dispensers of drugs, so that the Department of Public Health is responsible for enforcing it.

A sore spot in the distribution of drugs was found in the industrial area - dangerous trends in unorthodox channeling of drugs have been reported.

After considerable study, sessions with other groups, and much deliberation, the Board presented new Rules and Regulations for public hearing. On March 22nd of this year the Rules and Regulations were adopted and all pharmacies and wholesalers were informed by direct mailings.

Rule 35 is an important rule pertaining to prescription collecting stations. This rule is designed to stop non-pharmacists from handling prescriptions and dispensing them.

Rules 36 through 43 are directed at licensed wholesale druggists. These rules set a pattern for better control of drug distribution at the wholesale level.

Every effort is being made by the Board and will continue to be made to discharge its duty and obligation to the public in securing the safety of its health as affected by the practice of Pharmacy.

Our statistical report follows.

Very truly yours,

Romulus G. Nicola PRESIDENT

John R. Leunig SECRETARY

Maxine G. Fosmick MEMBER

Anthony D. Linggis MEMBER

D. James Baros MEMBER





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BOARD OF REGISTRATION IN PHARMACY

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Fiscal Year 1960

July 1, 1959 to June 30, 1960

INCOME

Drug Store Permits. . . . .	\$21,570.00
Certificates of Fitness . . . . .	9,325.00
Wholesale Druggist Licenses . . . . .	880.00
Examination Fees. . . . .	1,730.00
Biennial Renewal of Personal Cert. of Registration. . . . .	5.00
Reinstatement Fees. . . . .	386.00
Reciprocity Fees. . . . .	625.00
Duplicate Certificates. . . . .	60.00
Certified Statements. . . . .	63.00
Total Net Receipts. . . . .	<u>\$34,644.00</u>

EXPENSES

Agents' Services. . . . .	\$22,628.06 ✓
Members' Services . . . . .	5,160.00 ✓
Rental. . . . .	41.00 ✓
Repairs . . . . .	790.67 ✓
Repairs, Accounts Payable . . . . .	64.15 ✓
Travel, Agents and Members. . . . .	3,295.86 ✓
Travel, Accounts Payable. . . . .	692.54 ✓
Office Expenses from Appn. of Director of Reg. . . . .	2,012.75 ✓
Office Expenses, Accounts Payable . . . . .	1,108.27 ✓
Stenographers' Salaries (including temporary help). . . . .	9,472.51 ✓
Total Expenses . . . . .	<u>\$45,265.81</u>

*John E. Levesque*  
SECRETARY

# BOARD OF REGISTRATION IN PHARMACY

July 1, 1959 to June 30, 1960

No. of Meetings for hearings and assembling of markings...	23
No. of Meetings for examinations held by the Board.....	<u>1</u>
Total Number of Meetings.....	24

## HEARINGS

Substitution.....	14
On Certificate of Fitness Applications.....	51
On Drug Store Applications.....	51
On Duplicate Certificate Applications.....	10
Misconduct.....	11
On Reciprocity Applications.....	23
On Applications for Reinstatement as Reg. Pharmacists.....	10
On Wholesalers' Applications.....	8
On Sale of Harmful Drugs.....	20
On Hospital Pharmacies.....	2
On Industrial Plants.....	<u>1</u>
Total Number of Hearings.....	201

## RESULTS OF HEARINGS

Cases placed on file.....	2
Cases placed on probation.....	18
Certificates of Fitness refused.....	2
Certificates of Fitness suspended.....	7
Drug Store Permits granted to open new stores.....	<u>44</u>
Drug Store Permits suspended.....	7
Drug Store Permits refused.....	2
Personal Certificates of Registration revoked.....	1
Personal Certificates of Registration suspended.....	9
Reinstatement Applications Refused.....	2
Wholesale Druggists' Licenses - Leave to Withdraw.....	3

## GENERAL INFORMATION

Number of Drug Stores.....	1,972
Number of Drug Stores holding Certificates of Fitness.....	1,706
Number of Active Registered Pharmacists.....	6,362
Number of Active Assistant Registered Pharmacists.....	145
Number of Reinstatements of Reg. & Asst.Reg.Pharmacists...	24
Number of Wholesale Druggists' Licenses issued.....	85



BOARD OF REGISTRATION IN PHARMACY

July 1, 1959 to June 30, 1960

EXAMINATIONS FOR REGISTRATION AS PHARMACISTS

	<u>Examined</u>	<u>Registered</u>
June 6, 1960.....	176	164

REGISTERED BY MASSACHUSETTS THROUGH INTERSTATE RECIPROCITY

Colorado.....	1
Connecticut.....	7
District of Columbia.....	1
Idaho.....	1
Maine.....	2
Michigan.....	1
Missouri.....	1
New Hampshire.....	1
Rhode Island.....	7
Tennessee.....	<u>1</u>
TOTAL.....	23

